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Salisbury to Host Statewide Kickoff for National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week Events

Monday, July 19th at 9:30 a.m. outside District Court Multi-Service Center

Media may interview top public safety officials and "ride along" for "a day in the life" of a parole and probation agent

TOWSON, MD (July 15, 2004)—Top officials with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services will come to Salisbury on Monday, July 19th to kick-off National Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week. The 9:30 a.m. news event will be held in front of the District Court Multi-Service Center off Baptist Street.

In Maryland, more than 800 agents monitor 68-thousand offenders, including 17-thousand convicted drunken drivers. Agents in the Salisbury field office supervise more than one thousand offenders; Ocean City/Snow Hill agents supervise nearly 500; and Cambridge agents supervise more than 400 offenders.

Members of the media who come to the morning news event will be able to interview Public Safety Secretary Mary Ann Saar, Division of Parole and Probation Director Judith Sachwald, Wicomico County Assistant State's Attorney Andrew MacDonald, and agents and supervisors from the Salisbury field office. In addition, reporters may spend a few hours traveling with agents for a "day in the life" story to see firsthand how diligently they perform this crucial public safety role.

DPSCS salutes its hard-working Parole and Probation agents who are truly unsung heroes in the battle to keep Maryland's Eastern Shore communities safe.

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